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Oration Militarie to all

*naturall Englishmen, whe-
ther Protestants, or other-
wise in Religion affected,
to raise resolution in
these dangerous
times.*

*Wherein is expressed the de-
light of libertie, and the ty-
ranny of the enemies.*

*With a Prayer both pithie
and necessarie.*

*Written by a zealous affected Subject.
Non nobis solum nascimur.*



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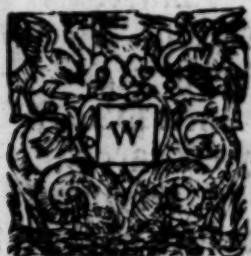
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Sum off not of sum.
Want on. Want all.

One thing is needful

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Worthy Country-
men, whose pre-
decessors were
not onely feared
in Europe, but fa-
mous throughe

all the discovered partes of the
Earth: Doubtfull it is not, but
your hearts are prepared, and
your mindes as it were one fire,
valiantly to resist the force of a
ny forreyne inuasion: yet to adde
flame unto your fire, I thought
good in this breefe exhortation,
to animate each of you, (if it may
be) to more resolution. Know
then (worthy Countrymen, for
why we know you are not igno-
rant, what rumors are spread
of the preparation of that man
of sinne, that worthless Priest

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might beget by resistance to
arise not from: not yet from
only by the part of peribular
warre of peace that in common

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of Rome, against this Royall
Realme) and be you assured, that
whatsoever pretence of Justice
our aduersaries by their false A-
postles (or Seminarie Priests)
shall buzze into your eares, as
redresse of wrongs, reformati-
on of Religion or such like: yet
if you respect your auncient li-
bertie, & consider the thralldome
of your neighbours subiected to
the tyrannie of Spanish govern-
ment, and the double dealing of
the Popes feined holines, wey-
ing besides, that of all bondage,
there is none moze vile than the
seruice of the vile; you will (I
doubt not) resolute every one ra-
ther on death, were it neuer so
bitter, than either by persuasi-
ons of flatterie or feare, submit
your selues to such, as neither
merit names of men, or are for
cour-

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courtesie to be accredited among
 reasonable creatures. The hea-
 then men (good Christian Con-
 freymen) were so affected unto
 their native soyle, that some of
 them haue entered the armies of
 the enemies, and aimed at the
 hearts of their cheefe rulers, set-
 ting so light by torments, that
 being apprehended, they them-
 selues haue burnt off the hands,
 whose deathfull stroke must needs
 the man, their hearts desired to
 dispatch: some cast themselves
 into raging gulphes: others de-
 tested life, when Countreyes li-
 bertie hath bene lost: thus crying
 out, *O fortuna a mou que a daria de-
 bis pro Patria porisibiles est reddere*
 When much more we, who are
 not so closely bound by like bonds, but
 by a greater bond: (even Chri-
 stian libertie) ought to set light
 by

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by life, & willingly embrace the
greatest torments that tyranny
can oppose, rather than see Re-
ligion defaced, our Countrey ru-
inated, our Soueraigne Prin-
cesse iniured, our wotnes and vir-
ging defiled, our infants tost on
pikes, and our goods the gree-
die Spaniards spoyle. Take
courage Countreyemen, and if
they come, resolute on victorie or
death: if they come not, deter-
mine some of you to braue the
cowardes at their doores. Mea-
more, let not anie, either En-
glish traytor, or foreyne tyrant,
be named leader but of a bande
against this noble Iland, or the
least part of her Maiesties Do-
minions, but let his heart bloud
by some deuice or other, satisfie
for an attempt so iniurious.

Set before your eyes the de-
solation

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solation of the Lowe Countrie,
 whose people flourished within
 these thirtie yeres, no Nation in
 more felicitie: but since the Spa-
 niardes haue oppressed their go-
 uernment, no men so miserable.
 Of their affliction, it is needlesse
 to speake, for that your eyes are
 witnesses of their exiled num-
 bers, your eares haue heard of
 the mercklesse massacres among
 them, and the whole worlde re-
 porteth þe wretchednesse of their
 defaced Cities, and desolate ha-
 bitations. But some may say to
 me, seeing the Pope is Patrone
 of this hallowed armie, there
 shal be mercie shewed to the sub-
 misse, and reward to such as re-
 sist not (for thus his fauourers
 will report of him): but bee not
 you deceined Countreyemen, to
 you I now speake that haue af-
 fected

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fecte our Antichristian enemy,
the elder brother to *Mahomet*, by
whose pride the younger grew to
such pompe, learne now at last
to discretne him by his deedes.
His pride O Countreyemen, lost
all *Asia*, *Syria*, *Arabia*, *Armenia*,
Cappadocia, *Aegypt*, *Africa*, a great
part of *Europe*, as *Thracia*, *Constantinople*, all *Greece*, almost all *Hungarie*,
Epyrus, *Illyria*, a great part of
Austria, with those famous *Iles*
of *Rhodes* and *Candie*; and infinite
other Regions, now subiect to
Turkish tyrannie: yea, he that
will needes bee called high Bi-
shop of *Christendome*, hath be-
trayed these *Christian* king-
domes, and yet ceaseth not by
like dissension, to lay open this
little remnant for the *Turkish*
invasion. His mercie & the mer-
cie of his adherents, is like that
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which *Mustapha* his spiritual brother shewed, when *Famogosta* was deliuered by y^e Prince of *Cyprus*, who forced through long famine to compound, couenanted soldierlike he and his people should depart with bag and baggage: but most faithlesly when they were issued, after manie vile reproches, they stript the Prince, and with hotte pincers blistered his bodie, thrusting water into euerie blister, & being dead with famine and this torment, they bowelled and stuffed him full of strawe, & on their greatest galleyes mast, (whereinto his soldiers were thrust for slaues,) they hanged y^e martyred Prince to augment his seruants miserie: such mercie as the Spaniards shewed to the Portugalls in *Tercera*, who were al without
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respect of age or innocence, put
either to tormenting Deaths, or
condemned to the Gallies, yet
were they of the same religion as
their enemies, both subject to the
Sea of Rome: such mercie as the
silly Indians finde, who the Spa-
niards haue bayted with dogs,
thzowen to wilde beasts, & but-
chered by hundreds, as their
owne Writers report: therefore
it is euident that they regard not
Religion, but seeke for *Englands*
ruine, wherefore beseeue them
not: but remember the resoluti-
on of *Lewys* the French Kinges
sonne, discovered to the English
Gentlemen confederates against
their naturall Prince King *Iohn*,
by a noble man of France a coun-
seller to the said *Lewys*, beeing in
London at the point of death: and
for that it is so excellent an ex-
ample

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ample in these times, & the pre-
sence of the English rebellious
was to defend the Papal digni-
tie, I thinke good breefely to
note the effect of his admoniti-
on: My Lords (saith he) and Gentle-
men of England, I am in conscience moou-
ned, my houre of death approaching, to
warne you of imminent danger that han-
geth ouer your heads: You see that my
Lord the Prince Lewys through your as-
sistance hath gained many forces in this
Realme of England: and if you were not
blinded with too much malice, you might
easily perceiue what he intendeth toward
you, in that he makes French men rulers
ouer those holdes: but to assure you bet-
ter of his intent, I protest vpon my soule,
which must shortly answere, if I speake
vnruth, that before euer we left Paris,
it was agreed, that not one of you which
assisted him against your Souereigne, but
should haue the reward of traytors when

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he was possessed of the crowne. Remēber this good Countrey men, and trust not strangers, beleue not the secret messengers from Rome, but be ye all of one minde in the Defence of England, least enuie let in the enemye, who will neither spare the enuious, nor the enuied: therefore let factious men be hated as your deadliest enemies, & count him happie which haths his ende y^e muttereth dissention in your eares. Lastly, noble Englishmen, that abhorre the dregs of Poperie, or at least haue not at all tasted thereof, consider the olde Principle, *Nulla fides cum hæreticis obseruanda*, and for heretikes hee accounteth vs, wherefore wee ought neither to beleue him nor his. This point the Pope hath so obserued, that hee hath made the sonne breake faith

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faith with y^e father, y^e wife with
 the husband, as lately in *France*,
 the subject with the Prince, as
England can too wel witness, yea
 by Ambassadors, which is ab=
 hominable amōg heathen men,
 hath the Pope and *Spaine* practi=
 sed treason, as lately by *Mendoz-*
za with *Francis Throckmorton* euen
 in *London*. O Countrymen, detest
 these infidels, thinke on your
 goods, your lands, parēts, chil=
 dren, wiues, Prince, Countrie,
 and Religion, for which to die is
 euen the waye to life, without
 which to liue is worse than anie
 death: and trust in God that gi=
 ueth victorie, to whose righte=
 ousnes if we cleaue, and consent
 in vnitie, our enemies shall be of
 no force, who are only feared be=
 cause they are cruell, and neuer
 winne victorie but by treason.

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Mightie & Eternal God, that disposest of all Nations at thy pleasure, & hast alwayes from the worldes foundation, shewen forth thy wonders in deliuering thy elect, euen from the very doore of death; as *Noah* from the olde rebellious, *Lot* from *Sodom*, *Jacob* from *Esau*, *Israel* from *Egypt*, *Dauid* from *Saul*, and *Ezekiah* from *Zenachonib*: all these thy children, (O mightie God of hostes) had mightie worldlings to their enemies: but for their faith was fixed in thy righteousness, the armies nor enue of their aduersaries could preuaile against the: for, with the breath of thy mouth were they consumed; & to their shame were they confounded. Thou wert one God from the beginning, thou art the same, & wilt be euer one, which makes vs wretched sinners, (not withstanding the number of our misdeedes, exceeding the Starres in Heauen, or sandes of the Sea) to prostrate our selues before thy throne of Maiesty, beseeching
mercy

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mercy and thy omnipotent assistance. We haue sinned ô Lord, we haue gone astray, be mercifull, ô God be mercifull to our offences, and for thy owne name sake, looke downe vpon thy small flocke, thy little Church of England, against whom whole armies of *Rabshaks* are sent to rayle, *Zenacherib* himselfe blaspheming, and practising in *Babylon* our ruine: & to him are ioyned the greatest nations. Against thee & thine anoynted *Elizabeth* haue they conspired; against thee and thine inheritance of *England* haue they bent their power; they haue sworne to renew their olde abominations; and make thy sanctuarie among vs desolate: being in number as the dust of the earth. But O God of *Abraham*, *Isaac*, *Jacob* and their righteous seede, in whose sight the Maiestie of men is miserable, and their proudest numbers as the fearefull *Hinde*: stretch forth thy arme, & fight for vs ô Lord; poure foorth thy spirite on our honorable & aged men, on our youthfull and valiant men, that the one with counsell agreeable to thy will, may stirre vp the
courage

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courage of the other to fight thy bat-
tels, that the foes of *England*, (enemies
to thy Almightyesse) may be as chaffe
tossed with the winde. Increase in vs
charitie, confirme our faith; defend
our Souereigne, continue thy Gospell
mongst vs, that thou maist be glorified
for euer in this Realme of *England*.
Grant these deare Father and al other
our necessities, euen for thy sonne our
Sauour Iesus sake. Amen.



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